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**THE WAR.**  
**LATEST TELEGRAMS.**  
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

**IMPORTANT ADVANCE  
BY BRITISH.**  
**THE DESPERATELY-DEFENDED  
TOWN OF CROISELLES  
CARRIED.**  
London, April 2.  
Reuter's correspondent at British  
Headquarters in France, telegraph-  
ing on April 2, states:  
We have made an important  
advance on the more northern sector  
and have carried the desperately  
defended town of Croiselles, and also  
Longette, and the "stubbornly con-  
tested village" of Dognies.  
A British force, advancing from  
the direction of Vermand, captured  
successively the villages of Ville-  
chelles and Ailly, so our line now  
forms an arc around the upland on  
which Bois de Holnon is situated  
and is about half a league north  
and west of Savy.  
Nearly 400 killed and wounded  
Germans were counted and picked  
up after we occupied Savy.

**THE FRENCH PUSHING ON NEAR  
ST. QUENTIN.**  
London, April 2.  
A French communique states:  
Our patrols pushed on to the north-  
east of Dallon and north of Castles,  
in the region of St. Quentin, as far as  
the enemy's lines, which we found strongly  
occupied.  
Pursuing our success south of Ailette,  
we threw back the Germans beyond  
Vauxillon.  
We captured 120 prisoners and five  
machine guns yesterday.  
Our fire stopped several enemy  
counter-attacks on the positions we  
re-captured west of Maison-de-Cham-  
pagne.

**GERMAN OFFICIAL REPORT.**  
London, April 2.  
A German official message, trans-  
mitted by wireless, reports:  
Fighting has developed on the  
roads from Bapaume to Croiselles  
and to Cambrai and also to the west  
of St. Quentin. Strong French and  
British forces gained ground after  
heavy losses. The French progress-  
ed in the neighbourhoods of St.  
Regny and the Oise canal.

**THE STRENGTH OF THE ST.  
QUENTIN POSITION.**  
ENEMY'S NEW FIELD AND  
LIGHT GUNS.  
London, April 1.  
The strength of the St. Quentin  
position can be judged from the fact  
that it is defended by many separate  
belts of wire, and is well protected  
from the rear.  
The enemy is using a new field  
gun which outranges its predecessors  
by 2,000 yards. He is also employ-  
ing light guns, each drawn by a pair  
of horses.  
There are numerous traces of the  
effectiveness of our gunners. One  
German graveyard contains 2,000  
graves.

**THE GREAT GERMAN GRAVEYARD  
ON THE SOMME.**  
SENTIMENTAL WRITING BY  
GERMAN WAR CORRE-  
SPONDENTS.  
London, April 1.  
German correspondents were senti-  
mental on the subject of the great  
German graveyard left behind on the  
Somme front, where every German  
village has sacrificed its manhood.  
German children whisper the word  
"Somme." No river runs so red  
with blood or is so flooded by tears.  
At the same time the correspondents  
realt over the devastation of the  
evacuated country.

**THE STRIKE AT BARROW.**  
London, April 2.  
The Executives of the Trades  
Unions concerned in the strike at  
Barrow-in-Furness appealed to the  
strikers in the interests of themselves  
and the Trades Unions and the  
nation to resume work and prevent  
the necessary strong measures by  
the authorities.

**THE BRITISH REVENUE RETURNS.**  
London, April 1.  
Financial experts regard the  
revenue returns as extraordinary  
testimony of the capacity for  
patriotism of the British taxpayer.  
The excess gives the prospect of  
the revenue for 1917 to 1918, on the  
existing basis, of not being less than  
£900,000,000. It is pointed out that  
last year's increase is more than  
sufficient to cover the interest on  
the sinking fund of a £1,000,000,000  
war loan.  
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per cent.

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Piano in good condition; Electric Reading Lamps, Blackwood and Teakwood Screens, a quantity of Blackwood Furniture, Engravings, etc.

Tennis Poles and Netting, etc., etc. Brass Finger Bowls, several Carpets (New and second hand), Child's Cots, etc.

One Bed-couch, Mattress, Pillows, etc. (Full Particulars from Catalogue). Terms—Cash.

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As follows:—Teak extension dining table and chairs, Teak sideboard and dinner wagon, glass and crockery ware, Cutlery, Pile carpets and rugs, Electric table lamps and lamp fittings, ceiling and table fans, etc., etc.

Double brass bedsteads with wire and hair mattresses, Teak double wardrobes with bevelled mirrors, Teak bureau with bevelled mirrors, Marble top washstands, Toilet crockery, Tapestry, Easy chairs, etc., etc.

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### THE TRUE TALE OF A DESTROYER.

(BY JACKSTAFF IN THE "DAILY MAIL.")

The following description, by one who has been through it, gives a vivid picture of what night fighting in a destroyer is like. "Such events are among the most thrilling episodes of the war, though the to-and-fro official statements which convey news of them are usually as dry as a maul of sawdust."

"We were spinning along," says the narrator, "in darkness so dense that one felt it would be possible to dig it away in chunks. A really dark night at sea and a foggy day at sea are two things of which only those who have experienced them can form any real conception. We could see absolutely nothing, but we felt plenty, and most of all the biting blast which swept our decks as though the Weather Clerk were moving across them with a keenly tempered syringe. Rain and flying spar spray beat upon us fiercely. From the way these battered on our oilskins and out into our faces one might have imagined that volleys of buckshot were being fired away from short range."

"Underfoot every place was so slippery that it was difficult to keep one's hold, and it was a relief to have a chance of being washed overboard like a stick of wood, as the seas were breaking over our boat just anywhere. And it was cold. Mahala helmets, sea-westerns, oilskins, sea boots, and thick clothing, couldn't keep us warm, neither could they keep us dry. We just had to hang on, get wet through and freeze. It is not often that I envy the fellows doing the Shadrock, Moshen, and Aeneas business in our engine-room and stokehold, but I did that night, for they were at least warm. In fact, while we on deck were muddled up and freezing, those below were half naked and nearly melting. But it's often that way in a destroyer."

"For a long time we weathered it in this fashion," and it seemed that, once again we should get through the night without meeting anything worse than a chilly freezing. The one redeeming feature of these midnight cruises is the possibilities they hold. You never know what you are going to meet with. "It is a mine, so much the worse; if it is an enemy, so much the better, for you can then set about doing the job a sailor's duty is to do. But it is a mine, so much the worse; if it is an enemy, so much the better, for you can then set about doing the job a sailor's duty is to do. But it is a mine, so much the worse; if it is an enemy, so much the better, for you can then set about doing the job a sailor's duty is to do."

"While the scrap lasted it was a lively enough set-to, quite a welcome break in the monotony of battling through a gale on night patrol. And though I've done my best I'm afraid I've not managed to convey a very realistic idea of what a night fight between destroyers in this wintry weather is like. Really, it's a thing that cannot be adequately pictured in words nor on canvas either. There it would be all black and red. Only by going through this experience can anyone understand exactly what it is like."

## RUSSIAN ZEMSTVOS.

### MULTIFARIOUS ENTERPRISES.

English readers have been told vaguely that the Russian Zemstvos have played a great part in the reorganising of Russia during the war, and some of them will have noted that it was the prohibition by M. Protopopov of the Congress of Zemstvos which stirred the last fierce debate in the Duma, says the "Manchester Guardian." They will like to know more fully and precisely what the work of the Zemstvos has been, and perhaps draw their own inferences as to why the Zemstvos have not found entire favour in the eyes of the Russian Government. This opportunity is now provided by the publication in English of a report of the General Committee of the Russian Union of Zemstvos. Zemstvos are county councils. The first Union of Zemstvos was organised during the Russo-Japanese War for the relief of the wounded. On July 30th, 1914, the eve of war, the Moscow Zemstvo resolved to organise a union of the Zemstvos for medical and sanitary work. On August 12th, the Union was formed and joined by all the Zemstvos except one. It is governed by a general committee and a president, Prince Lvov.

The original idea was that the Union should confine itself to the relief of the sick and wounded brought from the front into the interior, while the Red Cross Society and the War Office were to attend to the fighting line, the collecting, distributing and evacuation of wounded. The War Office and the Red Cross Society, however, proved unequal to their task, which was in large measure turned over to the Union of Zemstvos. It equipped fifty-one hospital trains, provided 17,000 beds, furnished bath, laboratory, isolation hospitals, and took over much of the work of supplying Russia with medicaments and surgical instruments. Its success in these enterprises brought down upon it other duties. By November, 1914, it had, at the request of the War Office, supplied winter clothing for 214,000 Serbian soldiers. In October, 1914, the War Office gave it an order for 7,500,000 sets of underclothing. In January, 1916, it was entrusted with the supply of all the warm clothes for the army, 2,400,000 pieces. It makes greatcoats, boots, gloves, socks; it makes tanning materials and tans leather; it has its own shops where it makes camp kitchens and repairs its own trains. It relieved the refugees. It took over the job of building an entirely new network of hospitals when Poland was evacuated. It feeds the 300,000 men who are engaged in construction work behind the fighting line. It builds bridges and roads and dig trenches. It is impossible to compare enterprises so multifarious with the work of our own Red Cross Society or any private organisation here. The plain truth is that the Union of Zemstvos has to make good deficiencies of the Russian Government such as our own War Government, whatever its faults has not revealed.

PRINCE LVOV POINTS THE MORAL. What is the moral to be drawn from this fine record of work when contrasted with the failures of the bureaucracy? Prince Lvov points to it:—"The Union's work has acquired all the significance of State work, for State work is really the public-spirited men and women in large numbers have joined the Union and are participating in its work. Many things which the Government was unable to do were accomplished by national strength thus organised. It has been proved over and over again that the nation participating in a great national work displays a great latent power, and that the Governmental machine is inadequate to the living force of the country. The moral is threefold; that the Russian people is capable of remarkable achievements in swift and effective organisation; that the Russian bureaucracy left to itself has once again failed; and that it is only by the co-operation of a reformed Government and a people that has demonstrated its capacity and its right to share responsibility that Russia can throw her full weight into this terrible struggle. The Union's record, therefore, has a moral which points to politics. It is inevitable that work well done set over against work ill done should point such a moral. We may therefore guess at the quite human motives which made reactionary officials suppress a Congress of Zemstvos and which inspired them to hamper the Union of Zemstvos. But we can also see that that is not the way to do Russia the service she needs in these critical months."

EMPIRE'S RAW MATERIAL.

London, February 25.

At the London School for Economics on Friday, Mr. E. Hutcheon (of the Raw Material Branch of the War Office) read a paper on the importance of Imperial wool. He said the War Office had since 1914 contracted for the supply of woolen goods exceeding in value £100,000,000. Besides purchasing colonial clips, France was now able to make all the military clothes she required. He predicted that after the war there would be a great shortage of wool, a great demand, and high prices as the world's supplies of textiles were cleared. Therefore it was necessary for us to reserve all the Empire's raw material for use after the war.

Mr. Massey (Premier of New Zealand) who presided, said that the arrangement between the Imperial and the New Zealand Governments was much better than allowing the wool to find its way into speculators' hands. He endorsed Mr. Hutcheon's opinion that prices would be maintained after the war, as there would be fewer sheep in the world, and the demand would be likely to exceed the supply.

LORD CURZON'S SUPPRESSED BOOK.

Will there ever come a time when we shall be able to read the volume on India which Lord Curzon wrote, and which he disposed of for a sum of £2,000? asks a London paper. This was in the days when he represented Southport. When the book was in type, and ready for immediate publication, he was appointed Viceroy of India, and simultaneously there was a notice of the forthcoming issue of the work. "This will never do," somebody in high authority said; a book on India by the Viceroy was unthinkable. So the book was left to the dust on the publishers' shelves, and there it remains to this day. Will it ever see the light?

A GERMAN TRICK.

The captain of a Dutch trawler in the North Sea on Thursday noticed what appeared to be a floating German water-plane, but which proved to be a sham with a dummy motor on board. Presumably this was a new trick to attract vessels, as a German submarine was lurking in the vicinity.

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Hongkong, April 3, 1917. 1939

## THE CALENDAR.

## MEMOS FOR TO-DAY.

8.15 p.m.—Performance by Clarke's Circus at Rowland.

9.15 p.m.—Paul Dufault's Concert in Theatre Royal, City Hall.

## MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Noon—Auction of Seats for St. George's Day Performance in Theatre Royal.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of one set of Bag Pipes at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

5.30 p.m.—Clarke's Circus Matinee Performance.

## General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, April 5.—  
Manday Thursday.  
9.15 p.m.—Paul Dufault's Concert in Theatre Royal, City Hall.  
9.30 p.m.—Lecture by Mr. Frederic Villiers in the Peak Club.

FRIDAY, April 6.—  
Good Friday.—General Holiday.  
9.15 p.m.—Selections from "Elijah" in St. John's Cathedral.

SATURDAY, April 7.—  
General Holiday.  
10 a.m.—Open Rifle Championship Meeting.  
5.30 p.m.—Clarke's Circus Matinee Performance.  
9.15 p.m.—Paul Dufault's Concert in Theatre Royal, City Hall.  
9.40 p.m.—Full moon.

SUNDAY, April 8.—  
Easter Day.  
King of the Belgians born (1875).

MONDAY, April 9.—  
Easter Monday.—General Holiday.

WEDNESDAY, April 11.—  
Entries close for Gymkhana on April 21st.

THURSDAY, April 12.—  
St. Joseph's College Sports at Race Course, Happy Valley.

FRIDAY, April 13.—  
Gymkhana Club's Meeting at Race Course, Happy Valley.

MONDAY, April 16.—  
St. George's Day.  
9.15 p.m.—"Scenes from Shakespeare" at Theatre Royal.

## THE "CHINA MAIL."

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alike from openly condemning the encouragement of murder and gambling lent by some powerful officials, the opponents of the old gang of officialdom are taking advantage of the maladministration to gather support for a new move against the old system of things. One of the objects of the Military Governor's visit to Peking was said to be to discuss the subject of the disbandment of superfluous troops, for which purpose, it appears, a large sum of money is needed, especially as there are heavy arrears of pay to meet, and a further telegram reported it to be the fixed resolve of LUK WING TUNG, not to return to Canton unless authority was given him to continue the gambling monopolies, which have been revived in the province, contrary to the Central Government's veto. He saw in the gambling monopolies the only possible means of securing the necessary funds for the carrying out of his plans. There is no information from Peking as to what measure of success has attended the Military Governor's efforts in this connection, but we presume the bottom has been knocked out of his case for the continuation of the gambling monopolies now that the Central Government has sanctioned the borrowing by the Canton Government of a sum of two million dollars from the Bank of Taiwan. Until the superfluous troops problem can be satisfactorily dealt with, the present sense of insecurity is likely to endure. More revolutionary outbreaks will not improve matters, however. We do not know what truth there may be in the suggestion which associates Lung Chai Kwong with enterprises of this kind. From people recently in Hoihow we learn that there are no indications there that the ex-Tutuh is contemplating any military enterprise. It is true he is keeping his troops fit by regular drilling, and that the need for such a force remains a mystery. In the capacity of Superintendent of Mines, Lung Chai Kwong appears to be employing some of his men on mining operations, but the world is not likely to be startled by any surprising development of the mining resources of Hainan. What is needed at Canton is that capable administrators shall apply themselves to the problems which are causing the present unrest, with determination to find a solution in a form which will put the peace of the province on a stable foundation.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A set of Bag Pipes will be sold by auction at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's to-morrow afternoon at half-past-two.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady May have signified their intention of being at the concert to be given by Mr. Paul Dufault at the Theatre Royal to-night.

A fire broke out at the residence of the Vice-President at Nanking on the 1st inst. It took two hours to extinguish the outbreak and a part of the palace was destroyed.

A Shanghai telegram to our Chinese paper states that there are 2,000 chests of opium lying in the Maritime Customs godown awaiting export, but the Government has refused to allow it to be sold in China.

We would remind our readers of the auction of seats for the performance in the Theatre Royal on St. George's Day to be held by Mr. H. P. White in the Smoking Room of the Hongkong Hotel to-morrow at noon. The seats to be sold (to Englishmen) are in the Dress Circle (central block excluded). All are invited to attend.

Tsui Chin Shing, of the Tsan Tsui, opium dealer, has reported to the Police that this premises at No. 105, Des Voeux Road Central, was entered between midnight and 3 a.m. on the 1st instant and \$1,000 in bank notes stolen from a safe. The thief, or thieves, however, did not take \$500 in bank notes and \$1,000 in currency notes, which were in the safe at the time of the robbery.

## THE SUMMARY COURT.

## A MONEY-LENDER'S CLAIM.

Before Sir William Ross Davies, Chief Justice, this morning, Masas Singh, a watchman, claimed from Kwai Ho, a coolie foreman employed by the Kowloon-Canton Railway, \$100 and \$4 interest, money lent on February 12, and also costs of the action.

Mr. J. H. Gardiner appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. R. C. Faithful for the defendant.

Mr. Gardiner said that a document was given acknowledging receipt of the money and the issue was whether the defendant signed it or not.

The plaintiff went into the witness box and gave evidence as to the circumstances in connection with the loan. He said he was at one time also employed on the Kowloon-Canton Railway as a watchman and knew defendant then. He had known the defendant for four or five years. He also said that the promissory note shown in Court was made out by defendant himself and was also signed by the latter in his presence.

The defendant stated that he did not know the plaintiff and he never borrowed any money from him.

Mr. Gardiner said that he did not anticipate this defence. As a matter of fact the defendant had been in this Court previously in connection with a similar case which was adjourned for the purpose of obtaining evidence from a witness in India.

His Lordship said that he could not take into consideration what happened in the other case.

Mr. Faithful: After my client has been in the witness box it is for your Lordship to decide as to who is telling the truth.

During his cross examination, his Lordship had to warn defendant that he would be sent to prison if he did not tell the truth.

His Lordship then instructed the defendant to write his name, which he did. The characters were submitted to the court translator who said that they bore no resemblance to those on the promissory note. His Lordship said that the defendant was singularly unfortunate if he was not the man who had borrowed the money as this was the second time he had been brought to court and denied the liability.

The documents in connection with the previous action were then produced and the defendant's handwriting thereon was also compared with that on the promissory note in the present action. The Court translator, however, was unable to state definitely whether the writing was the same. His Lordship therefore adjourned the case for the purpose of submitting the documents to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs for examination.

## THE MAGISTRACY.

## UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCES.

In Mr. Wood's Court this morning two women and one man were charged with the unlawful possession of explosive substances, i.e., four bomb shells, 14 ounces of potassium chlorate, a lead bullet and a coil of fuse, which the Police discovered in the defendants' residence at No. 4 MacGregor Street.

Inspector Sim, of Wanchai, informed the magistrate that the first and second defendant had stated that the third defendant, (one of the women), had brought the explosives into their residence and they did not know the nature of the substances. The third defendant had then confessed that a man aboard the s.s. Ecuador gave her the explosives.

His Worship adjourned the case until to-morrow morning in order to ascertain whether the Hon. C. S. P. (Mr. McI. Messer), wished to prosecute all three defendants or merely the third defendant.

## UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF OPIUM.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning a Chinese was charged with the unlawful possession of 20 taels of prepared opium other than Government opium.

Revenue Inspector T. Sutherland stated that the defendant was searched in his presence and the contraband drug discovered in a package concealed beneath his jacket.

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the charge, explaining that a friend gave him the package to carry and he (the defendant) had thought it contained tea cups.

The defendant was fined \$1,000, or in default of payment, sentenced to six months' hard labour.

## ASSAULTING A POLICE CONSTABLE.

Two Chinese, charged with assaulting a constable (P.C. 216), whilst he was on duty, were brought before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning.

Evidence was heard that the defendant was fined \$250, with the alternative of six months' hard labour.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## AN APPEAL FOR ANOTHER HONGKONG AEROPLANE.

(To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL.")

Public Works Department, 2nd April, 1917.

SIR.—The news recently cabled from the front has again borne witness to the invaluable work of the Royal Flying Corps in revealing the movements of the enemy and directing our offensive operations. At the same time the official despatches record the great wastage of aircraft which these operations entail.

In the interests of our gallant troops at the front, it is absolutely essential that the ascendancy in the air which we now hold should be fully maintained. In this way progress will be accelerated and casualties among our men reduced. It is not ~~less~~ <sup>more</sup> than the ~~active~~ <sup>active</sup> part of maintaining the efficiency of this arm of the service should fall on the already heavily burdened British taxpayer. This is a task which should be cheerfully shared by the whole Empire and especially by those overseas Britons who like ourselves have so far been called upon to make very slight sacrifices for the security that they enjoy under the British flag.

It has therefore been proposed that Hongkong should present another aeroplane to the Army Council.

For this purpose the local branch of the Overseas Club has decided to open a fund, which has the approval of His Excellency the Governor, and they appeal to all members of the community to assist.

Subscription lists will be placed in the leading local stores and several of the clubs. Subscriptions may also be paid into the Hongkong Aircraft Fund at the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, or sent to the undersigned.

All contributions will be periodically acknowledged in the columns of the local newspapers by courtesy of the Editors.

The cost of a 70 h. p. Biplane, approved of by the War Office, is £1,500.

Yours faithfully,

JOS. J. BRIAN,  
Hon. Corresponding Secretary  
to the Overseas Club.

## FIRE AT WUCHOW.

Our Wuchow correspondent writing on Saturday last:—

Last night about 10 o'clock a fire broke out on the city side of the Fu River; it is supposed to have originated in a Chinese tea house. The flames spread rapidly until a very extensive area was in the fire's grip.

It is difficult to give an accurate estimate at present of the loss of life and property involved, but seeing that a frontage of some five hundred yards to an average depth of fifty yards was destroyed, the total damage must be very considerable.

Some two hundred houses were burnt to the ground, and a large number of brick buildings in the vicinity were greatly damaged. Many of the Pao on the foreshore being imperilled were towed up river into safety.

When the fire was at its height the spectacle presented was one not soon to be forgotten.

## PAUL DUFALT TO-NIGHT.

The first concert of the Paul Dufault season of three concerts will take place to-night at the Theatre Royal. For his opening number, the tenor will sing the familiar aria, "Celeste Aida," from Verdi's "Aida." Mr. Dufault's first group of songs will include the "Boat Song," "Au Pays," and "Lorraine," songs new to Hongkong audiences. The second group of ballads comprises "A Spirit Flower," a dainty French song, "Le Saia-tu," and "How's My Boy." This last song is of an essentially modern type, being a musical colloquy between a sailor and an old mother making anxious inquiry for the sailor, son, who will never return. According to the Press, it has created a sensation everywhere through Mr. Dufault's forceful and sympathetic rendering. A grateful innovation on to-night's programme will be the printed English translation of all the French songs. This is due to Mr. Dufault's belief that so long as he is thoroughly enjoyable, his words are completely understood. With "Miss Binkley," Mr. Dufault will be heard in the Duet from the fourth act of "Roméo and Juliet." The booking is for 1000.

## HONGKONG WAR CHARITIES.

## LETTER FROM A HONGKONG LADY AT THE FRONT.

The Honorary Secretary of the War Charities Committee sends us the following extract from a letter received from a Hongkong lady who is nursing the wounded in France under the French Red Cross.

"You didn't say how much money you made for the Star and Garter Fund. I hope it was a lot and suppose it was since Hongkong is such a generous place. I wish you would remember out there that the Star and Garter Fund, the Prince of Wales Fund, etc., are supported all over the world, and that the French Red Cross does not get a tithe, in fact one hundredth part, as much money as the English War Charities do. They are doing perfectly heroic work. I can't tell you how economical they have to be of every sort of thing in the French hospitals, how little the poor little girls of the lazarie which are lavished on our soldiers and how nearly nothing he can buy for himself out of his wretched pay of five sous a day. Even his tobacco costs three times what it does for our men, and matches cost about as much for two boxes in France as for twenty in England."

"At our hospital in Honfleur we need our bandages and compresses over and over again, washed, put in chloride of lime, sterilized until there was not a thread left. There are 230 beds there, and we have a record of 10,000 deaths than any hospital of its size in France taking equally serious cases, and yet we have not one single wheeled chair in the place. When I went there there was not a single flannel bed-jacket to say nothing of pyjamas—no comforts of any sort. When the poor chaps went back half cured to the trenches it was in their old clothes, washed and mended if it is true, but so inadequate to keep out this terrible cold of France that even into men's vitals who have lowered vitality from illness."

I have begged and scraped in England and America, and people have done splendidly and given generously, shirts, sheets, towels, handkerchiefs, garters, all sorts of things, but it isn't much when you think of the need. Can't Hongkong help them? Do ask someone to start something for Hospital Auxiliaire 113 Honfleur and we should be so grateful. They are our allies and such splendid allies."

The Canadian Red Cross sent us heaps of drugs and dressings, etc., in October, and the English Red Cross some more in December. We have some things bought from the proceeds of France's Day in London, but we need heaps more."

Two friends are giving me a motor-car, for the wounded, and I am hoping to get enough money to buy them at least one, wheeled chair, but I want more. I got them games last year, but most of them are now worn out as the poor dears had only one chess board to amuse themselves with, and two dirty packs of cards in the whole establishment, when I went there. Any old games would be appreciated. Money or flannel shirts or socks or games or wicker chairs, anything, everything could be used."

## QUEEN MARY'S NEEDLEWORK GUILD.

## WORK DONE IN HONGKONG.

Since the beginning of the year the following articles have been made by the "City Hall Working Party" (under Mrs. Stabb as Head) for the Queen Mary's Needlework Guild, of which Lady May is the local President and Mrs. Stabb the vice-President.

In January—248 shirts, 10 surgical shirts, 12 dressing-gowns, 10 waistcoats, 4 pillows, 36 bed-jackets, 14 pairs pyjamas, 5 pairs invalid boots, 57 vests, 12 corbiers, 24 milk-covers, 80 mops, 85 mufflers, 138 pairs of socks, 8 caps, 58 pairs knee-caps, 4 pairs cuffs, and 2 pairs mittens.

In February—18 dressing-gowns, 137 shirts, 152 vests, 14 surgical shirts, 118 bed-jackets, 23 reversible bed-jackets, 11 pairs pyjamas, 38 pillows, 83 corbiers, 9 pairs invalid boots, 203 milk-covers, 1 pocket-book—making in all, a total of 1,680 articles, all of which, by the kindness of Messrs. Sheehan, Tones and Co., have been despatched to the Head Branch of the Guild in London.

The Helens May Institute (under Mrs. Jordan), the Catholic Women's League (under Miss Loureiro), the Peak Club (under Mrs. Gale), and the City Hall (under Mrs. Stabb) Working Parties have, in addition to the foregoing, made for the Queen Mary's Needlework Guild during January and February the following Hospital necessities:

15,263 rolled bandages, 89 stump bandages, 621 many-tail bandages, 19 flannel many-tail bandages, 18 head bandages, 339 eye bandages, 1,194 awls, 20 shirts, 28 medical shirts, 4 body-belts, 60 caps, 47 pairs operation stockings, 3 pairs bedsocks, and 42 wash cloths. Total 17,737 articles. They also sent 40 packs of playing cards, 5 boxes of candy sugar, and 1 parcel of magazines.

To Mrs. Alabaster, Queen Mary's Needlework Guild is indebted for the following list of woollen things which had been knitted for the Guild by ladies in their own homes:

407 pairs of socks, 198 mufflers, 54 pairs knee-caps, 57 caps, and 51 pairs operation stockings. Total 765.

## TREATMENT OF GERMANS IN CHINA.

## REGULATIONS ON THE SUBJECT.

The following is a translation of regulations respecting the treatment of Germans in China which the Ministries of War and Interior have drawn up. The same have been approved by the President and have been wired to the Provincial officials.

## (A) PROTECTION OF GERMAN LEAVING CHINA.

Art. 1. After the severance of Chinese-German diplomatic relations any German subject residing within the territory of the Chinese Republic, who desires to leave this country, may file a petition to the local chief civil and military officers, setting forth his name, age, address and occupation. On receipt of the petition the local chief civil and military officers shall submit the same to the Central Government for permission, after which a passport shall be issued to him and soldiers and military officers, setting forth his name, age, address and occupation. On receipt of the petition the local chief civil and military officers shall submit the same to the Central Government for permission, after which a passport shall be issued to him and soldiers and military officers, setting forth his name, age, address and occupation. On receipt of the petition the local chief civil and military officers shall submit the same to the Central Government for permission, after which a passport shall be issued to him and soldiers and military officers, setting forth his name, age, address and occupation.

Art. 2. A German subject, after obtaining the permission from the Government for leaving this country shall be allowed to bring with him under the belongings, provided that such articles are of non-military nature; but they are to be subject to the inspection of the Chinese authorities. As to his property left in this country, it shall be disposed of according to the regulations governing the disposal of German interests in China.

Art. 3. After the affairs mentioned in Articles 1 and 2 are properly settled the local chief civil or military officers shall arrange a suitable time for the departure of the German resident, who before his departure shall continue to observe the protection of Chinese authorities.

Art. 4. The route which the German resident shall take on his departure shall be directed by the Chinese authorities.

Art. 5. The soldiers and police who are to escort German residents out of this country shall be appointed by the local officials according to the local circumstances. The escort in accompanying the departing Germans shall go as far as the boundary of the jurisdiction of the chief local official, and the charge shall be handed over to the soldiers and police of the neighbouring district and the latter shall escort the same until the Germans have gone out of their section of the Republic.

Art. 6. Before the departure of the Germans the Chief local official of the district should notify the officials of the next district on the road of the arrival of the party so as to give time to the neighbouring district officials to make preparation for the Germans as soon as the latter arrive in their territory.

Art. 7. After escorting the Germans to the limit of their district and committing them to the charge of the police and soldiers of the neighbouring district, the police and soldiers of the former district shall request a certificate of safe arrival from the latter district officials. The certificate of safe arrival shall be of greater necessity when the Germans reach places beyond the jurisdiction of this country.

Art. 8. Barks or carts needed by the departing Germans to convey their belongings shall be hired by the local chief civil or military officers.

## (B) PROTECTION OF GERMAN MERCHANTS AND MISSIONARIES RESIDING WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Art. 1. With the exception of those Germans who are in active military service in this country, the treatment of whose treatment is governed by a separate set of regulations, the present regulations shall be applicable to the treatment of all German merchants and missionaries residing in this country.

Art. 2. All German merchants, missionaries and other German subjects shall be allowed to continue to reside where they have had a domicile. They shall also be permitted to engage in all kinds of peaceful and lawful pursuits and are entitled to the protection of the Chinese authorities for the safety of their person or property. But they shall obey all the laws and orders of this country both existing at present or to be promulgated in the future.

Art. 3. On receipt of the notice of the present regulations, all German merchants, missionaries and other subjects shall report their names, addresses and occupations to the local chief officials for registration within three days.

Art. 4. A certificate of such registration should be issued to the German applicants by the local chief officials on receipt of the application.

Art. 5. Any German resident who has already registered his name and other particulars at the office of the local official shall be permitted to remove his residence, but in doing so must first submit the certificate to the local official, where it is domiciled for inspection and removal. A permit for removal shall be issued to him by the said local official. After he arrives at his new residence, he should submit the removal permit to the local official of his new residence for destruction within three days after his removal. The same procedure as provided in articles 3 and 4 of the present regulations shall then be followed.

Art. 6. The local chief officials shall have the power to order the departure or confinement of all German residents who fail to obey the present regulations by refusing to apply to the local official for registration.

Art. 7. On receipt of the notice of the present regulations, all German residents should turn over all their arms and other military equipments in their possession to the nearest inspection office for inspection within three days. An inventory of such articles should also be made and submitted to the authorities in charge for inspection by the owner of such articles.

Art. 8. Any German residents in this country, whether visiting, or permanent residents, shall be liable to the inspection of this country, or to submit measures calculated to disturb peace and order or commit other measures prejudicial to the interest of this country or under suspicion of committing such shall be liable to detention on a given date or may be prohibited from removal of their place of residence. He shall be closely watched or subject to other restrictive measures when the authorities deem it necessary.

Art. 9. After the promulgation of the present regulations, all German merchants or missionaries residing in this country, whether first-time residents or not, shall submit their names, addresses and occupations to the local chief officials for registration within three days after the promulgation of the present regulations.











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son and address 5.30 p.m. (N. R.,  
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(Good Friday—Matins, Ante Com-  
munion and Sermon 11 a.m., Litany  
12 noon, Special Service 2 p.m. to 3  
p.m., Evening and address in prepara-  
tion for Easter Communion 5.30 p.m.,  
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The Collection at the Oratorio will be  
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Beckingsale, Mr. C. E. Benedict, Mrs. and  
Miss E. C. Cary, Mr. L. A. Clark, Miss J.  
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Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cookson, Mr. W. S.  
Cookson, Mr. J. J. Cuyler, Mrs. W. T.  
Coutworth, Miss M. C. Coutworth, Miss  
E. Coutworth, Mrs. D. S. D. Davidge,  
Mrs. S. H. Deebell, Mrs. Duigo, 2 children  
and maid, Mrs. J. Dorrance, Miss W.  
Dorrance, Mrs. H. W. Eggleston, Master  
G. Eggleston, Mr. M. E. Essler, Mr. and  
Mrs. E. Elliott and children, Dr. and Mrs.  
C. N. Fawcett and infant, Mrs. T. F.  
Griffin, Miss M. E. Ganson, Mr. and Mrs.  
F. T. Gause, Miss G. G. Gilman, Mr. and  
Mrs. A. J. Gilchrist, Mrs. S. Goodrich,  
Mrs. H. C. Hooper, Miss M. H. Hooper, Mr.  
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Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Huxton, Rev. and  
Mrs. D. S. Hubbard and 2 children, Mrs.  
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Huxall, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Huxall, Mr. T.  
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children, Mr. Jose Mascara, Mr. Carlos  
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Humphreys, Sister Helena Downs, Mrs.  
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## HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been  
compiled at the National Altimeter Office  
in London from the result of the analysis  
of observations taken by means of an  
automatic tide-recording machine in the  
Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui  
during the years 1887-90.  
The zero of the table corresponds with  
the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty  
table, which has been found to be 4 feet  
3 inches below mean sea level.  
To obtain the depth of water on the  
tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard  
add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge  
at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet  
4 inches to the height given in the table.

High Water				Low Water			
Day	Time	Height	Depth	Day	Time	Height	Depth
Wed.	4.50	5.5	1.7	Wed.	1.10	1.1	1.7
Thurs.	5.10	5.5	1.7	Thurs.	1.30	1.1	1.7
Fri.	5.30	5.5	1.7	Fri.	1.50	1.1	1.7
Sat.	5.50	5.5	1.7	Sat.	1.70	1.1	1.7
Sun.	6.10	5.5	1.7	Sun.	1.90	1.1	1.7
Mon.	6.30	5.5	1.7	Mon.	2.10	1.1	1.7
Tues.	6.50	5.5	1.7	Tues.	2.30	1.1	1.7

## FARES FOR PUBLIC VEHICLES.

## CHAIRS.

## I.—In Victoria with two Bearers.

Quarter hour ..... 10 cents.  
Half hour ..... 20  
One hour ..... 35  
Three hours ..... 70  
Six hours ..... 100  
Day (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.) ..... 1.00  
If the trip is extended beyond Victoria,  
half fare extra.

## II.—Beyond Victoria, with four Bearers.

Hour ..... 0.60 cents.  
Three hours ..... 1.00  
Six hours ..... 1.50  
Day (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.) ..... 2.00

## III.—In the Hill District.

## With 2 Bearers With 4 Bearers.

Quarter hour ..... 80/10  
Half hour ..... 0.30  
One hour ..... 0.50  
Two hours ..... 0.80  
Three hours ..... 1.00  
Six hours ..... 1.50  
Day (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.) ..... 2.00

## RICKSHAS.

## I.—In the Island of Hongkong if engaged in Victoria.

Ten minutes ..... 5 cents.  
Quarter hour ..... 10  
Half hour ..... 15  
One hour ..... 20  
Every subsequent hour ..... 20

## Note.—If the ricksha be engaged within the City of Victoria, and be dis- charged outside the Western part of the City of Victoria after 9 p.m., or be dis- charged to the East of Bay View Police Station on the Eastern side of the City of Victoria after 9 p.m., an extra half fare shall be chargeable.

## II.—In Kowloon.

Quarter hour ..... 5 cents.  
Half hour ..... 10  
Hour ..... 15  
Every subsequent hour ..... 10

## III.—Taipo Road.

Twenty cents shall be added for each extra hour or part of an hour if the hire causes the journey to take longer than—  
To 4th mile ..... 75 cents ..... 1 hour.  
return ..... 1.00 ..... 2 hours.  
Beyond 4th to 8th mile—  
single ..... 1.10 ..... 2 hours.  
return ..... 1.10 ..... 4  
Beyond 8th to 12th mile—  
single ..... 1.10 ..... 3  
return ..... 1.10 ..... 6  
Beyond 12th to 16th mile—  
single ..... 1.10 ..... 3  
return ..... 1.10 ..... 6  
Fares for journeys beyond the 16th mile to be a matter of previous arrange- ment in each case.  
The fare here set out to apply to one ricksha with three coolies from Tsim Sha Tsui.

## FARES FOR PUBLIC CARRIAGES.

## I. Not exceeding per passenger.

From Slaughter House to Sailors Home ..... 04 cents.  
From Sailors Home to Government Civil Hospital ..... 04  
From Government Civil Hospital to Clock Tower ..... 04  
From Clock Tower to Race Course ..... 10  
From Clock Tower to Bay View House to Quay Bay ..... 08  
II.—In the City of Victoria.

## Not exceeding per passenger.

Quarter hour ..... 10 cents.  
Half hour ..... 20  
One hour ..... 35  
Three hours ..... 70  
Six hours ..... 100  
One day from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$1.25

## III.—Beyond Victoria.

## Not exceeding per passenger.

One hour ..... 25 cents.  
Two hours ..... 45  
Three ..... 60  
Four ..... 75  
Five ..... 85  
Six ..... 90  
One day from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$1.50

## If a vehicle is discharged beyond the limits of the City of Victoria half fare extra is to be allowed for the return journey.

## IV.—In Kowloon.

## Not exceeding per passenger.

Quarter hour ..... 5  
Half hour ..... 10  
One hour ..... 15  
Two hours ..... 25  
Three ..... 35  
Four ..... 40  
Five ..... 45  
Six ..... 50  
One day from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. 60

## Between the hours of 6.30 p.m. and 6 a.m. the above fares shall be increased by 50 per cent.

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## OFFICIAL NIGHTS IN APRIL.

The following table shows the Stand- ard Time at which Official Night ends and begins during the month of April, 1917—

Date	Ends	Begin
April 3rd	6.03 a.m.	6.50 p.m.
4th	6.02	6.51
5th	6.01	6.51
6th	6.01	6.51
7th	6.00	6.51
8th	5.59	6.51
9th	5.58	6.52
10th	5.57	6.53
11th	5.56	6.53
12th	5.55	6.53
13th	5.54	6.54
14th	5.54	6.54
15th	5.53	6.54
16th	5.52	6.54
17th	5.51	6.54
18th	5.50	6.54
19th	5.49	6.55
20th	5.48	6.56
21st	5.47	6.57
22nd	5.47	6.57
23rd	5.46	6.57
24th	5.45	6.57
25th	5.44	6.57
26th	5.44	6.58
27th	5.43	6.59
28th	5.42	6.59
29th	5.41	6.59
30th	5.41	6.59

## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

Particulars of outgoing and incoming Mails will not be advertised in future. The Post Office will forward all corre- spondence posted by the fastest routes.

Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Siam, Liberia, Portu- guese East Africa, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

## LOCAL AND REGULAR MAILS

## OUTWARD.

For WEEK-DAYS SUNDAYS & HOLIDAYS

Jai O ..... 6.00 P.M.

Tai Po ..... 10.00 A.M. 9.30 A.M.

Cheung Chow ..... 2.00 P.M.

Shataukok, Sha-  
tin and  
Sheungshui ..... 4.00 P.M.

Aberdeen, Autau,  
Ping Shan,  
Sat Kung,  
Santin, Stanley ..... 4.30 P.M.

Canton, Samson,  
and Wuchow ..... 7.30 A.M. 5.00 P.M.  
1.30 P.M. 1.30 P.M.

Macao ..... 7.15 A.M. 3.00 A.M.

Kongmoon ..... 6.00 P.M. 5.00 P.M.  
Except Saturdays

Namtau and  
Samuel ..... 5.00 P.M. 6.00 P.M.

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4.00 P.M.

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Canton ..... 7.30 A.M. 5.30 P.M. 7.30 A.M. 1.30 P.M. 1.30 P.M.

Tai Ping ..... 9.30 P.M. 9.30 P.M. 9.30 P.M.

Shek Li ..... 9.30 P.M. 9.30 P.M. 9.30 P.M.

Kongmoon ..... 6.00 P.M. 6.00 P.M. 6.00 P.M.

Kumchuk ..... 3.00 P.M. 6.00 P.M. 6.00 P.M.

Kaukany ..... 6.00 P.M. 6.00 P.M. 6.00 P.M.  
Except Saturdays

In the case of Mails closing before 9 a.m. Registration closes at 5 o'clock on the previous evening.

## HONGKONG REGISTER.

Barometer ..... 29.90 29.84 29.90

Temperature ..... 72 65 74

Humidity ..... 66 84 63

Direction of Wind ..... S W S

Force ..... 1 3 3

Weather ..... b c s b

Rain ..... 0.00 0.00 0.00

Lightest open air temperature on the day 74

Lowest open air temperature on the night 74

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, April 2, 1917.

## WEATHER REPORT.

On the 3rd at 11.50.—Pressure has increased quickly over northern Japan; it has decreased considerably over southern Japan, moderately over N. China and Manchuria, and slightly elsewhere. The anticyclone has passed into the Pacific, and another weak anticyclone is situated to the west of Haiphong. Depressions are indicated over S. Manchuria and the Gulf of Petchili.

Moderate northerly winds may be expected over the north part of the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 3.42 inches, against an average of 6.49 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 4th April—  
1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock: Northerly winds, moderate to fine.  
2.—Formosa Channel: The same as No. 1.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks: The same as No. 1.  
4.—South coast of China between Hongkong to Hainan: The same as No. 1.

## EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, April 3, 1917.

On London—  
Bank Wire ..... 9/4  
On demand ..... 9/4 9/16  
30 days sight ..... 9/4  
4 months sight ..... 9/4 13/16  
Credits, 4 months sight ..... 9/4  
Documentary, 4 months sight ..... 9/4

On Paris—  
On demand ..... 330/4  
Credits, 4 months sight ..... 341/4  
On New York—  
On demand ..... 2/4 13/16  
Credits, 60 days sight ..... 2/4 13/16  
On Bombay—  
Wire ..... 10/1  
On demand ..... 10/1  
On Calcutta—  
On demand ..... 10/1  
On Singapore—  
On demand ..... 10/1  
On Manila—  
On demand ..... 10/1  
On Shanghai—  
On demand ..... 10/1  
30 days sight (private paper) ..... 10/1  
On Yokohama—  
On demand ..... 10/1  
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael) ..... 48  
Sovereigns (Bank of England) ..... 35 13/16  
Silver (per 100) ..... 17 1/2 nom.  
Bar Silver in Hongkong ..... 17 1/2 nom.  
Chinese Copper Cash ..... 1/2 p.m.  
Chinese Copper Cents ..... 1/2 p.m.  
Rate of Native Interest ..... 5 1/2 p.m.  
Chinese Sub. Coin ..... 5 1/2 p.m.  
Hongkong Sub. Coin ..... 5 1/2 p.m.

## ROYAL OBSERVATORY

HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

APRIL 3, 1917.—a.m.

Station. Hour. Temperature. Humidity. Direction. Force. Weather.

W. Stock ..... 6 a. 29.74 34 100 100 100 100

Macao ..... 6 a. 29.74 34 100 100 100 100

Hakodate ..... 6 a. 29.74 34 100 100 100 100

Tokio ..... 6 a. 29.74 34 100 100 100 100

Kobe ..... 6 a. 29.74 34 100 100 100 100



